



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## News For Veterans

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### **NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

#### **VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION WORKSHOPS**

In cooperation with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the California Department of Consumer Affairs and its Office of Privacy Protection will conduct free, hour-long workshops to educate veterans about how to protect themselves against identity theft in the wake of the recent security breach that compromised the personal information of millions of veterans nationwide. The morning and afternoon workshops will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

The first workshop will take place on **Tuesday, June 13, 2006** at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the: **California Department of Consumer Affairs**

**First Floor Hearing Room**

**1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite S-102**

**Sacramento, CA 95834**

(Located in Natomas, in the Old Arco Arena Building)

#### **HERE IS A LIST OF ADDITIONAL WORK IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION WORKSHOPS BEING HELD THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

##### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006 – Lafayette and Santa Maria**

Lafayette Auditorium  
3491 Mt. Diablo Boulevard  
Lafayette, CA  
**10:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.**

Santa Maria City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
110 E. Cook Street  
Santa Maria, CA  
**1:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.**

##### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006 – Los Angeles**

Bob Hope Patriotic Hall  
1816 S. Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA  
**10:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006 – San Diego and Fresno**

San Diego State Building  
1350 Front Street  
San Diego, CA  
**10:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.**

VFW Post 8900  
3585 N. Blythe Avenue  
Fresno, CA  
**4:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006 – Clovis**

Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg.  
453 Hughes Avenue  
Clovis, CA  
**10:00 a.m.**

These workshops are being held in light of the theft of data, which the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) recently experienced. The stolen data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. Importantly, the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records or any financial information. Additional information regarding this situation can be found on the USDVA's website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

Additional information regarding the Identity Theft Prevention Workshops can be obtained by contacting the California Office of Privacy Protection toll-free at (866) 785-9663 or on their website at [www.privacy.ca.gov/nr/vet\\_workshops.htm](http://www.privacy.ca.gov/nr/vet_workshops.htm).

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